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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
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RE: Approve the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Attention Ms. Jackson and Staff,

I'm writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is in my new district and I had the opportunity to tour the site earlier this summer. I am convinced that it would benefit our economy and improve the lives of thousands of Idahoans.

Perpetua Resources is dedicated to bringing much-needed capital into the economies of our state as well as high-paying jobs. The business has committed to using local suppliers for goods and services whenever possible and will look to hire Idahoans. Perpetua estimates that they will hire up to 1,000 workers during construction, bringing high-paying jobs back to Idaho, and their project would be a \$1 billion investment in our economy.

As an educator, I am ecstatic to see that Perpetua Resources is interested in developing the workforce of the future as well as Idahoans. Perpetua Resources will collaborate with schools in Valley and Adams County to set up after-school coding programs in order to develop the future STEM workforce. Through these initiatives, they are enhancing the educational value of youth in Idaho and preparing our young people for the high-tech jobs of the future.

As a 20-year veteran of the Air Force, I am aware of the significance of having a domestic supply of antimony for our defense and the safety of our service members. The Stibnite Gold Project would enable the first antimony source to be mined domestically. Our country is vulnerable because of our reliance on antimony from foreign countries. Not supporting this project would be a serious mistake. Particularly in light of prior indications of interest in the project from the Department of Defense. In September, the company was awarded a \$200,000 SBIR grant from the DoD to examine whether the antimony at Stibnite can meet military demands.

Thank you for allowing me to make a comment. I would strongly encourage the US Forest Service to approve the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project in order to begin producing the antimony our country requires.

Cordially,

Rep. Matt Bundy